

**JUDGE DANIELS**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**07 CV 3900**

MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL  
SERVICES INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

WELKO, INC., SAM KOHL,  
CAREN KOHL, and  
"JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #12",  
the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to  
plaintiff, being persons having or claiming an interest  
in or lien upon the Collateral described in the complaint,

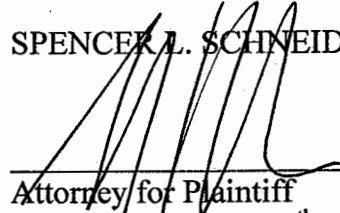
Defendants.

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**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc. (a private non-governmental party) certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party, which are publicly held: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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